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RESOLUTION NO. 7, 2011

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE POLICY FOR THE INSPECTION, EVALUATION, AND REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED SIDEWALKS/CURBS IN THE CITY OF TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 500 miles of sidewalks and curbing within the City of Terre Haute, and

WHEREAS, the current average cost to replace sidewalk/curbing is approximately \$20 per foot or approximately \$106,000 per mile, and

WHEREAS, a properly maintained sidewalk/curb should last at least fifty (50) years or longer. However, tree roots, drainage issues, cars parking upon, weed and grass growth, and weather can damage sidewalks/curbs causing them to be hazardous and unsightly, and

WHEREAS, the City of Terre Haute has limited funds to address all of its budgetary needs and it is impossible to maintain all 500 miles of City sidewalks in a pristine condition, and

WHEREAS, additionally, requests for sidewalk and curb repair far exceed funding available. Because of this, an objective rating system has been developed so that funds can be directed to the sidewalks and curbs most in need of repair and in the most highly traversed areas of the City. This prioritization of funding is critical in order for the City to properly address the sidewalks/curbs in the most deteriorated conditions.

WHEREAS, the City has for several years employed and maintained a full-time position entitled "Transportation Infrastructure Manager" (hereinafter "TIM") to gather and analyze and rate sidewalks and curbs related to the public infrastructure thereby prioritizing repair and/or replacement in consideration of the City's limited funds.

THEREFORE, the City of Terre Haute hereby adopts the following SIDEWALK/CURB INSPECTION & REPLACEMENT POLICY:

**CITY OF TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA
SIDEWALK/CURB INSPECTION & REPLACEMENT POLICY**

Section 1. The City shall employ and maintain a full-time position entitled "Transportation Infrastructure Manager" (hereinafter "TIM"). This employee's primary function is to gather and analyze information related to public infrastructure.

Section 2. Among other duties as provided in the position description, as may be amended from time to time, the TIM shall perform routine inspections of sidewalks/curbs located within the corporate limits of the City of Terre Haute, Indiana and make recommendations for the replacement and/or repair of such.

Section 3. The TIM, or his designee, shall respond to citizen complaints regarding a damaged sidewalk/curb within five (5) business days of receipt of said complaint. An electronic log shall be maintained indicating: (1) the date and time of contact; (2) the name, address, and telephone number of complainant; (3) the location of the subject sidewalk/curb; (4) a brief description of the major complaint regarding the sidewalk/curb; and (5) the name of City employee receiving the complaint.

Section 4. The TIM or his designee shall inspect the condition of the sidewalk/curb. A photograph of the current condition of the sidewalk/curb shall be taken and maintained with the complaint log. The TIM shall assign a condition rating to said sidewalk/curb as follows, with #1 indicating the sidewalk/curb is the worst state of repair and #10 requiring no action:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	Six (6) or more inches of elevation difference with missing pieces (impassable by a wheelchair)
2	Four (4) to Six (6) inches of elevation difference with missing pieces (impassable by a wheelchair)
3	Two (2) to Four (4) inches of elevation difference with missing pieces (impassable by a wheelchair)
4	Up to Two (2) inch elevation difference with missing pieces (partially passable by a wheelchair)
5	Heavily cracked with missing surface pieces and separation
6	Heavily cracked and grass growing in cracks
7	Heavily cracked
8	Some cracking, still structurally sound
9	Cosmetic problems only
10	No apparent problems

Section 5. Sidewalks/curbs with the highest priority ranking, meaning the most severely damaged, and constitute an immediate hazard to pedestrians in the most highly traversed sections of the City, shall be slated for replacement/repair first, and as funds become available.

Section 6. This ordinance retroactively approves all prior systems of ranking of sidewalks and curbing repairs.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute that this Sidewalk/Curb Inspection & Replacement Policy is hereby implemented adopted. This Policy shall be forwarded to the City of Terre Haute Board of Public Works & Safety for adoption and implementation.

Introduced by: _____ Patrick Ralston, Councilman

Passed in open Council this _____ day of _____, 2011.

_____ John Mullican, President

ATTEST: _____ Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2011.

_____ Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk

Approved by me, the Mayor, this _____ day of _____, 2011.

_____ Duke A. Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST: _____ Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk